

REMARKS

By this Amendment claims 1 and 8 have been corrected, and claims 7 and 9 have been amended to more concisely define the intended subject matter. Entry is in order.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has allowed claims 1-6. The inventors thank the examiner for allowing those claims.

The examiner has rejected claim 9 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ferreiro, and he has rejected claim 10 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferreiro.

These rejections must be withdrawn. Ferreiro discloses an upper body garment with increased movement, the garment (such as a jacket, a shirt, a blouse, coat or the like) including darts in the neck, shoulder and upper back areas. The shoulder panels 2, 3 include darts 11, 12. However, there is no disclosure of front and rear darts extending from longitudinal seams in right and left sleeves (as defined in claim 9).

The examiner's rejections based on Ferreiro should be withdrawn.

The examiner has rejected claims 7 and 8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inman in view of Harvey.

This rejection must be withdrawn. Inman discloses a coat wherein its back 1 includes vertical pleats 6 and its sleeves 4 appear to include pleats extending into an armpit area from a longitudinal seam.

Harvey discloses accordion pleats 15 which extend transversely from longitudinal stitching lines 13 across the knee areas of leggings 3.

However, even if Inman and Harvey are combined, they would not teach the use of unconnected vertical pleats in the Inman sleeves.

CONCLUSIONS

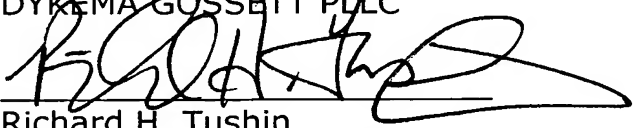
It is believed that all of claims 1-10 are allowable.

A prompt passage to issuance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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